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Credentials of representatives to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Carlston B. **Boucher** (Barbados)

1. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its twentieth special session consisting of the following Member States: Argentina, Barbados, Bhutan, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Norway, Russian Federation, United States of America and Zambia.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 8 June 1998.

3. Mr. Carlston B. Boucher (Barbados) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 5 June 1998, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the twentieth special session. The Legal Counsel made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which he, *inter alia*, updated it, indicating the credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the twentieth special session, in the form required under rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 26 Member States: Andorra, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chad, China, Croatia, Finland, Ghana, Guinea, Ireland, Jamaica, Monaco, New Zealand, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Thailand, Uruguay and Uzbekistan.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of Member States to the session had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 67 Member States: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Azerbaijan, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and

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Nevis, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu and Venezuela.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, the following 89 Member States participating in the twentieth special session had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General information regarding their representatives to the session, but had previously empowered their permanent representatives to represent their respective States in all organs of the United Nations without limitation as to session: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burundi, Canada, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Slovak Republic, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

9. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as that taken at the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

10. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

"*The Credentials Committee,*

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 5 June 1998,

"*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 9 of the present report, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

12. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 14). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.